



State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2004 - 28

*ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM*

- WHEREAS,** high quality child care is an important objective of the governments of both the United States and the state of Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** the United States Congress passed the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (hereinafter “the Act”) to provide funds to the states in order to increase the availability, the affordability, and the quality of child care, through the use of grants, contracts, and certificates for child care services;
- WHEREAS,** the state of Louisiana is a participant in the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program and is a recipient of block grant funds under the Act;
- WHEREAS,** the state of Louisiana may achieve optimum use of the block grant funds it receives by utilizing an advisory council to advise the Department of Social Services regarding the recent developments in the field of child care, the concerns of parents who have children in day care, and the needs of child day care facilities within the state; and
- WHEREAS,** the interests of the citizens of the state of Louisiana will best be served by the continuation of the Advisory Council on the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

- SECTION 1:** The Advisory Council on the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program (hereafter “Council”), is reestablished within the Department of Social Services.
- SECTION 2:** The duties and functions of the Council shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
- A. Making recommendations to the secretary of the Department of Social Services regarding the expenditure and disbursement of Child Care and Development Block Grant Funds;
 - B. Making recommendations to the secretary of the Department of Social Services for improving, modernizing, and updating the quality of child care at the day care centers which operate within the state of Louisiana;
 - C. Studying and making recommendations on the potential of a “Quality Rating System” for child care in Louisiana; and
 - D. Assisting the Department of Social Services in updating its long range plans for insuring quality child care at day care centers operating within the state of Louisiana.

SECTION 3: By March 1, 2005, the Council shall submit a written comprehensive report to the governor and the Department of Social Services, on the issues set forth in

Section 2 of this Order.

SECTION 4: The Council shall be composed of twelve (12) voting members and three (3) ex-officio, non-voting members who shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the governor.

A. The voting membership of the Council shall represent the following agencies, organizations, and special interest groups:

1. Non-profit, family-oriented organizations domiciled within the geographic boundaries of Greater New Orleans;
2. Non-profit, family-oriented organizations domiciled within the geographic boundaries of North Louisiana;
3. The Louisiana Head Start Association;
4. The Institute of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health at Tulane University;
5. The Louisiana Association for the Education of Young Children;
6. The National Association for Family Child Care;
7. Child development programs at a Louisiana college or university;
8. Child care providers who provide services within the state of Louisiana;
9. Parents with at least one (1) child who is currently receiving care at a day care facility;
10. Church operated day care centers operating within the state of Louisiana;
11. Trainers of child day care providers within the state of Louisiana; and
12. The Louisiana Council on Child Abuse.

B. The ex-officio, non-voting membership of the Council shall be selected as follows:

1. The secretary of the Department of Social Services, or the secretary's designee;
2. The director of the Bureau of Licensing, Department of Social Services, or the director's designee; and
3. The secretary of the Department of Education, or the secretary's designee.

SECTION 5: The chair shall be elected by the voting members of the Council.

SECTION 6: Council members shall not receive compensation or a per diem for their services or attendance at Council meetings. However, contingent on the availability of funds, the actual travel expenses of Council members may be reimbursed in accordance with PPM 49, and upon advance written approval of the commissioner of administration.

SECTION 7: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Council shall be provided by the Department of Social Services.

SECTION 8: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Council in implementing the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 9: The provisions of this Order are effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until August 20, 2005, unless rescinded, modified, or terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 20th day of August, 2004.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**

SECRETARY OF STATE